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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether this particular prisoner is allowed all the privileges of social life that are allowed to the simple imprisonment prisoners ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, Sir."

Transfer of Mr. B. Sambamurti to the Bellary jail.

* 15 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. B. Sambamurti has been sent to the Bellary jail from the Rajahmundry jail ;

(b) whether he was made to walk a distance of nearly two miles from the jail during night time and carry his luggage with him on his shoulders ;

(c) the reasons for the said transfer ; and

(d) the reasons for not providing the conveyance for himself or his luggage ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The prisoner was taken on foot from the jail to the Godavari railway station. He carried his bedding, while the other articles belonging to him were carried by the escort constables.

(c) The prisoner was transferred from the Central Jail, Rajahmundry, as his stay in that jail was considered undesirable on administrative grounds.

(d) Under the rules in the Madras Jail Manual, all able-bodied prisoners transferred by road are required to walk but, if the distance is over ten miles and the two places are connected by motor bus service, the prisoners may be taken by bus at the cost of Government. In the present case, the distance that had to be travelled by road was only two miles, and the medical officer did not consider it necessary to recommend the transport of the prisoner to the railway station in a conveyance.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know what are the administrative grounds referred to therein ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It was considered that he was a man of influence and as such there might be trouble if he was kept in that particular jail."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know if this ground existed prior to his entry into the Rajahmundry jail ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not know, Sir."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know, Sir, if this ground came into existence subsequent to his entry into the Rajahmundry jail or was in existence prior thereto also ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not know when it came into existence, but it was there when he was in that jail."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" Sir, my question is this. I want to know whether the administrative grounds existed by the time he was taken to the Rajahmundry jail, or whether there were any grounds supervening subsequent to his entry into the Rajahmundry jail that necessitated his transfer therefrom ? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The administrative grounds can exist only after he entered the Rajahmundry jail."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know, Sir, if my hon. friend can say what sort of grounds they are ? 'Administrative grounds' is a very vague term, and I want a specific answer to my question ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I have answered the question, Sir, i.e., that he was regarded as a man of influence and as such it was thought that if he was kept there, there might be trouble."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" Did he become a man of influence only after his entry into the Rajahmundry jail or before that ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not know, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what are the administrative inconveniences which the hon. Member considers would have been caused had a gentleman of influence of Mr. Sambamurti's position been allowed to be in the Rajahmundry jail ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not in a position to answer the question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the Superintendent asked for the transfer, and in asking for the transfer whether he made any report, and if so, whether the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to place that report on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Sir, the hon. the Law Member has just now spoken of trouble. May I know whether he means trouble from outside the jail or trouble from within the jail ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" From within the jail."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know with reference to the answer to clause (*d*), whether any distinction is made in the rules in the Jail Manual between the ordinary prisoners guilty of offences involving moral delinquency and political prisoners ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There is no such distinction in the Jail Manual."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether administratively Mr. Sambamurti is treated as a political prisoner ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There is no such classification of prisoners in the Madras Jail Manual as political prisoners."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know why a distinction is made in this matter, why he was asked to carry his own bedding while the escort constables carried the other articles ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because the luggage must be taken by somebody. Part of the luggage was taken by him and the other part by the escort constables."

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Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Was there anything in the conduct of Mr. Sambamurti during the time he was in the jail that induced or warranted the Government in thinking that his influence would be administratively dangerous to the Madras Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR .—"Not that I am aware of."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Then what are the reasons that made the Government fear his influence?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I have given my answer to that question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know why the Government considering the political position of Mr. Sambamurti as a member of the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress has not given him any special treatment in these matters?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"It is for the trying magistrate to place him in the special division, and it is for the prisoner to ask for it. Evidently he did not ask the magistrate for it."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether he is now treated as a special prisoner?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That has been answered."

State Prisoners

Release of Chettali Beeyumma.

* 16 *Q.*—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD : Will the hon the Law Member be pleased to state what the Collector's recommendations are on the petition of Chettali Beeyumma submitted to the Government in December last?

A.—The District Magistrate of South Kanara recommended that, if conditions in Malabar permit, her request for permission to return to Malabar should be granted. The latest report of the District Magistrate of Malabar shows that it is not safe to allow her to return and that her release would have a bad effect on the locality.

Land Records

Introduction of the Record of Rights Bill.

* 17. *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have a Record of Rights Bill ready for introduction into the Council;

(*b*) if so, why the Bill has not been published; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to publish it at once so that the Bill may be introduced in the Council at the next sitting?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative. The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to question No. 129 on 5th September 1928 and question No. 903 on 29th November 1928.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I ask, Sir, whether Government have any intention of bringing forward a Record of Rights Bill?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"No, Sir."